



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 16th August 2026

Parish Centre

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H: Tue to Fri 9.15am - 1:15pm

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St Kevin's Parish is committed to the care, safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable people.

Safeguarding email:

safeguarding.hamptonpark@cam.org.au

Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Fabian Smith

Assistant Priest: Fr Antony Santhiyagu

Parish Coordinator: Mrs. Macrina Martin

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St. Kevin of Glendalough

Jason Micallef - (03) 9709 8600

St. Francis De Sales

Christine White - (03) 8773 6700

Weekday Mass Times

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat – 9:15am

Every Wed – 7:00pm followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

First Friday – 6.30pm Rosary

7pm Sacred Heart devotion followed by Mass

Sunday Mass Times

Vigil Sat 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Sun: 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

A Priest is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before all Masses (except on Monday)** and on **Saturday mornings after Mass till 10:30am.**

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month. Prior to the Baptism, parents are asked to attend a meeting which is held every first **Thursday of the month at 7:15pm** in the Church and must bring a copy of their **own Baptism Certificate and the child's birth certificate for our records, as we cannot accept originals.**

Mass Intentions

Please note the **cut-off** day and time for handing in names for **Mass Intentions is Wednesday evening.**

Please call (03) 9799 2108, email the Parish Office or drop off the mass intention envelope in the **postal slot** in the **Parish Office door.**

Thank you!

Thank you to Telesia, Nora, Emeli, Doreen and the organising committee of the Samoan community for organising the event held on 8th August. Thank you to our Samoan community for your dedication and generosity in raising **\$19,520.05** for the building of our new grotto.

Congratulations Fr Antony!

We congratulate Fr Antony as he celebrates his 10th ordination anniversary on 19th August. We wish him every blessing and pray for God's protection on him.

Veneration of Relic and Talk on St Carlo Acutis – Wednesday, 26th August

We welcome a first-class relic of St Carlo Acutis at 6pm on Wednesday, 26th August. There will be a talk on his life at 6pm followed by holy mass at 7pm.

Archbishop's Campaign

The Archbishop's Campaign helps to bring the mission of the Church alive in our community. It does this by supporting the works of the Priest Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, the University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College and grants to Catholic agencies and community service organisations.

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one-time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church.

There will be a third collection this weekend to support the campaign.

Working Bee – Saturday, 22nd August

Please join us to clean the inside and outside of our church and grounds. If you can spare an hour or more of your time, please sign up for the Parish Working Bee on **Saturday, 22nd August from 8am**. Please contact Brian D'Souza via the Parish Office 03 97992108 or sign up via the sheets in the foyer.

Food Sale – 22nd August

We will have a food sale next Saturday after the 5pm and 7pm masses to raise funds for our new grotto.

Save the Date: Bake Sale on 5th and 6th September

In honour of Our Lady, we are asking those gifted in baking to bake something we can sell on that weekend. Please decorate in blue and white. Please fill in sign up sheets in the foyer if you are contributing.

Plant Sale – 26th and 27th September

There will be a plant sale on 26th and 27th September, anyone with a green thumb would like to prep some pots and contribute it for the sale, that would be appreciated.

What's On

Monday, 17th August: 7.30pm: Didasko Talk on Devotion to the Eucharist

Tuesday, 18th August: 4.30pm: Parish Confirmation class **7pm:** RCIA

Wednesday, 19th August: 9am: Two Hearts Devotion

4.30pm: Parish First Holy Communion class

ROSTERS for 22nd & 23rd August

Readers & Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please see the Notice Board for Rosters.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 2: Antonio, Samangi, Eileen, Joelle, Kerwin

COUNTERS

Team 1: Anne, Michael, Tyronie, Rene, Alejandra, Kharece

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5319.15

Unpledged: \$2581.55

Presbytery: \$2035.20

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Brian, Maryann and Emilee D'Souza

Alex D'Souza

Andrea Cassian

Mary and Victor D'Souza

Jude Ambrose

William Francis and family

Brandon Francis and family

Thaddaus family

Joseph and Joshua

Steve, Marcia, Carys Eastbury

Kellan Frantz

Shean Frantz

Philip, Merilla, Owen

Sam Anush

For those who are sick:

Pedro Pastorili

Angela Hunter

Seetha Silva

Julian Perera

Anton Fortes Ratai

Marie Linda

Amber Elke Faska

Liam Roach

Mario de Leon

Lyndell Adikari

Patricia Rozario

Rafael

Prudence Hardman

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

If you would like to donate towards the building of the Grotto:

St Kevin's Building Appeals A/c

BSB 083 347

Account No.:851452646

Privacy legislation requires the written permission of an authorised person before any name can be printed. Any list of the sick in the parish bulletin will undergo renewal according to a four-week cycle. After four weeks a person's name on the sick list will be removed. However, once again based on written permission of an authorized person the name can be re-added to the list.

Feast Days this weekend

Wednesday, 19th August: St John Eudes

Thursday, 20th August: St Bernard

Friday, 21st August: St Pius X

Saturday, 22nd August: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

For those who have died recently:

Franciska Komar, Larry Hookens, Jossie D'Costa, Gorgiono Usaraya

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Max Mortimer, Sally D'Cruz, Walter James McAllister, Noela Lebrasse, Eligius Bobby (Earl Anolda), Magimass Dass, Philomena and Dereck Kelaart, Seymour Misso, Desmond Oakes, Aubrey Oakes, Marie Elise Mootoosamy, Marie Irene Tuyau, Joseph Anthony Farkas, Denzil D'Netto, Timoteo Borromeo, Renato Borromeo, Wayne, Locksley and Helena Collins, Aleyamma Paily, Jhun and Conrado Sr., Maria Bastian, Tony Bastian, Josefina and Florencia Montecillo, Catherine Ishikawa, Humberto and Leslie Labata, Paulino Cabase, Austin James Peters, Peter Fernandez, Avinash Fernandez, Maria D'Costa, Petty and Edith Gonsalvez, Celine Martinz, Karolyn Gomes

A NIGHT OF MUSIC, DANCING & FUN!

Get ready for an unforgettable evening as the Indian Community presents a spectacular Fundraising Dance Night on **Saturday, 19 September**.

Dance the night away to the fantastic sounds of **No Limit** and **6th Sense**, enjoy great company, and celebrate together as a parish community.

Tickets are on sale now!

Contact: Warren Peters – 0423 247 093 | Brian D'Souza – 0414 363 725 |

Florence D'Costa – 0433 851 662 | Anita Fernandez – 0402 505 676

Raffle Prize Donations Needed

We are seeking donations of raffle prizes to help make the evening a great success. Donations of new household goods, gift hampers and gift vouchers are greatly appreciated. We also warmly invite local businesses to support this event by donating vouchers for complimentary products or services, or other suitable prizes. Please drop off the donations at the Parish Office during office hours or contact any of the persons listed above if you would like to donate. Gather your family and friends, mark your calendars, and join us for a wonderful night of celebration, fellowship, and community spirit. Thank you for your generosity and support—we look forward to seeing you there!

Seoul Fest – Thursday, 20th August at St Patrick's Cathedral at 6.30pm

The young Church of Melbourne is going to World Youth Day Seoul in 2027!

Join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and hundreds of young people from across the Archdiocese at the launch of the pilgrimage to South Korea. The evening will begin with Six30 Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction in St Patrick's Cathedral, followed by food, music and celebrations in the Cathedral grounds.

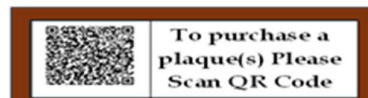
Friendship Group celebration of Our Lady's Feast

S.K. Friendship Group is organising a coach trip to visit and celebrate Our Lady's feast at **Ta'Pinu shrine**, near Bacchus Marsh, on **Friday 4th September**. There will be a Mass followed by fellowship (please bring a plate to share), and if desired, a visit to the monuments built by the different communities.

Coach charges \$20/- per person, departs from our Church at 9.30 am, and returns at 4.30 pm.

Contact Benita 0429 000 664 or Tyrone 0402 012 479 for details and bookings.

**Memorial wall
Thanksgiving Wall**



St Bernard of Clairvaux – Feast Day – 20th August

A family gathered together in prayer

Bernard was born in 1090 at Fontaine, in France, of a good family. When he was 22, after having studied grammar and rhetoric, he entered the monastery founded by Robert of Molesme at Cîteaux (in Latin, Cistercium -- the order centred around the monastery were thus known as Cistercians). Twelve companions joined him, including four brothers, an uncle, and a cousin. Following his example, many of his relatives undertook to enter religious life.

Jesus and Mary

For Bernard, the monastic life should involve work, contemplation, and prayer; and revolve around two fixed points: Jesus and Mary. For the Cistercian abbot, Christ is all: "When you discuss or speak, nothing has any flavour for me, if I have not heard you resound the Name of Jesus (Sermons on the Song of Songs, XV). And Mary, St Bernard writes, leads us to Jesus: "In dangers, In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may more surely obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never go astray..." (Homily II on the text *Missus est*).

The four grades of love

In his work *On Loving God*, Bernard points out the path of humility in order to achieve love of God. He exhorts us to love God without measure. For the Cistercian monk, there are four fundamental degrees or grades of love:

- Love of oneself for oneself: "First, one loves oneself for one's own sake. Seeing, then, that by himself he cannot subsist, he begins to seek God by means of faith."
- Love of God for love of self: "In the second grade, then, one loves God, but for oneself, not for Him. Beginning then to attend to God and to honour Him, in relation to one's own needs."
- Love of God for God: "The soul passes to the third grade, loving God not for oneself, but for Him. In this degree we stop for a long time; indeed, I do not know if in this life it is possible to reach the fourth grade."
- Love of self for God: "That degree, that is, in which one loves himself only for love of God. Then, there will be a wonderful almost forgetfulness of self, almost abandoning of oneself so that everything tends toward God, so much so as to be one spirit only with Him."

Bernard and the Templars

Among the writings of St Bernard is also the celebrated elegy of the monastic military order of the Templars, founded in 1119 by a group of knights under the guidance of Hugues de Payens, from Champagne, a relative of Bernard. In his work *In Praise of the New Knighthood*, he described the Templars in these words: "They are vested simply and covered with dust, their faces burned by the sun, their gaze proud and hard; before the battle they are armed interiorly with the strength of faith. Their only faith is addressed to God."

The mellifluous doctor

Bernard of Clairvaux died on 20 August 1153; he was proclaimed a saint by Pope Alexander III in 1174. Pope Pius XII dedicated an encyclical to him, entitled *Doctor mellifluus*, in which he recalled, in particular, these words of St Bernard: "Jesus is honey on the lips, melody in the ear, joy in the heart." "The mellifluous doctor," the Pope wrote, "'The 'Doctor Mellifluus,' 'the last of the Fathers, but certainly not inferior to the earlier ones,' was remarkable for such qualities of nature and of mind, to which God added an abundance of heavenly gifts."

Source: Vatican News

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading - Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world,

do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.